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INDIA – Fall, Spring or Year

(Ansal Institute of Technology or Karunya University)

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Spring Semester Enrollment: October 1 Deadline (Early Acceptance: April 1 of prior year)

Fall Semester Enrollment: February 15 Deadline (Early Acceptance: November 1 of prior year)

WHO?

- Sophomore, junior or senior standing required with a minimum 3.0 overall GPA.
- Almost all Valpo students can study abroad in India without delaying graduation IF they plan carefully with their academic advisor.

WHAT?

Valparaiso University has two exchange partnerships in India: Ansal Institute of Technology, located outside of New Delhi in northern India, and Karunya University, located outside of Coimbatore in southern India. Students from any major can choose to study at either institution enrolling in general education requirements. Additional coursework available in science, engineering and business fields. Independent study can always be arranged with VU faculty. Contact your academic advisor for details.

WHERE?

- Ansal Institute of Technology is located in the city of Gurgaon, just south of New Delhi, offering students an ideal setting to study in the heart of northern India. Students can travel to nearby cities such as Agra (Taj Mahal), Jaipur and Jodhpur. Students live in dormitory housing, placed with roommates from AIT. Cafeteria meals are provided on-campus.
- Karunya University is located 15 miles outside of Coimbatore, a city of approximately 1.25 million inhabitants, in the southern region of Tamil Nadu. The university is located in a residential area next to a forest reserve and the Kutrallam Falls. Students live in dormitory housing with other students from Karunya University and all meals are provided by the on-campus cafeteria.

HOW?

You must apply for the program through the Office of International Programs. Applications available online at www.valpo.edu/studyabroad. The OIP is located in the Harre Union, 209, phone: 464-5333.

You should consult with your academic advisor *and* the OIP *as early as possible*. Freshman year is not too early to begin your inquiries about study abroad. Careful planning will ensure your classes taken in India can be used for graduation requirements. Consult the VU Catalog under "International Study Programs" for details.

HOW MUCH?

- *Tuition and General Fee:* Students pay the same tuition, dorm and general fee to Valparaiso University for the term(s) abroad. Any scholarships or financial aid apply, except for aid that requires on-campus participation (work-study and some athletic and music scholarships). Such on-campus aid will be automatically re-instated the term the student returns to VU.
- *Air fare:* Students can expect to spend in the neighborhood of \$1200 to \$1500 for travel to and from India. Oftentimes, cheaper internet deals are not for longer-stay, round-trip airfare.
- *Spending Money:* Count on spending at least as much as you do in Valpo, though this amount varies greatly depending on your spending habits and how much you travel. An estimated budget of \$1,500 - \$2,000 should be sufficient spending money for a semester in India for travel and entertainment.
- *Awards:* Students are encouraged to apply for outside study-abroad scholarships online at www.studyabroadfunding.org. Federal Pell Grant recipients are automatically eligible to apply for the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship for up to \$5,000 towards a term abroad (www.iie.org/gilman).

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Karunya University: <http://www.karunya.edu/>

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